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9th—Joseph Rogers, of Hickman.  
10th—Henry Wilson, of Hickman.

THE SITUATION IN THIS DISTRICT.

Some Inside Facts for Democrats.

The Federal news, the past week or two, is very earnestly urging the District Committee to call a convention to declare a Democratic nominee for Congress, arguing that the candidacy of Turner and Tice, two Democratic members of Congress, encourages Democratic sentiment, in view of the fact that the Republicans have a candidate in the person of a Mr. Rutledge, and that thereby the Democratic party may be brought to act in unity and harmony against the Republican candidate.

We ask the *News* to state, candidly, if it believes a convention would bring harmony and united action? If a convention would not bring harmony, why at this late hour, two weeks before the election, apply such a useless remedy? There, are we, all know, in this District, 6, 7, or 8,000 Democrats who are opposed to, and who have proven by their votes the past eight years that they will not submit to a convention. These Democrats know how a primary election, as a mode of selecting a candidate, is a more effective and more economical, and have announced at every election since the Wisconsin election in our District, through Col. Turner and others of their kind, that unless party action and a single Democratic candidate could be had by simply a Democratic primary—an appeal to the Democratic people.

If party harmony and united action is the thing desired by party organization, how easily it could have been obtained, any time the past eight years, by all hands agreeing to a primary election. The *News* in this District is unfortunately—lamentably so—but we must view facts as they exist. If a convention would bring harmony, then the arguments of the *News* would be good, but the facts are that in several contests part the remedy last been tried, and failed, and, instead of harmony, the conventions have resulted in aggravating the existing dissension, and look at it solely as to Democratic success. It boots nothing to say that the *News* is to blame for this, for if Turner was dead, or refused to run, the 6,000 primary election Democrats, who have been voting with and for him, would continue the fight on his principles, Clark, Carl, or some of their leaders. Perhaps they might suffer in the loss of a good leader, but the fight would go on against Congress. The error has been not in registering those primary election Democrats as a part of the party, and on to some consideration. If their objections to conventions were exaggerated, why not let them have their say, if nothing else, meet them on their own proposition, and test the matter before a Democratic primary election. Why would the Democratic nominee of a primary election? No one. No Democrats. And plainly a united party would be had. Therefore, it is not plain that the *News* would have waited its partisans for a convention, and for a primary election, that our party would today be united, and but one Democratic candidate in the field.

Two years ago, the Hickman *Courier* was strongly desiring party action, and believing that a convention would bring harmony but cautious Democrats, and believing that a primary election was the fairest mode and would divisions, urged the party not to hold a convention but to agree to a primary election. Our friends refused to listen to the *Courier*, and ordered a convention. The convention was held—it failed in being harmonious, and the nominee was defeated. Why persist in the application of a remedy which does not help but aggravates as old ones? In the past, the primary election Democrats, through their candidate, Turner, offered as far back as June last, to try harmonizing the party through a primary election, but it was not accepted, and a convention was urged or suggested by one until the past few weeks. We don't think a convention at any stage would have brought party harmony, but at this late date, it is urged by the *News* as the danger of the election.

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